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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : The Warning Account  
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1. Attached is the memorandum you asked me for the other day. As compared with Bruce' ideas, mine go a little further. If the account were divided, I would divide it completely and not try to have the non-substantive people reporting to me. They should be an integral part of the IC Staff.

2. The "focused warning" project has the potential for becoming quite elaborate and requiring centralized management at the national level. If so, the IC Staff or my own will probably have to do it.

3. Related to this is the intractable problem of providing structured political and economic inputs to a national warning system that will be compatible with the military input. DIA badly wants this from State and CIA.

4. As to collection, I suspect this should remain closely coupled to analysis and therefore that responsibility probably should stay with our organization. This would be consistent with the concept that you outlined to me the other day for the role of the NIOs in collection.

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